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## Fort Sumter News Release

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### **Fort Moultrie seeks volunteers for Civil War Park Day work projects**

On Saturday, April 2nd, 2005 the National Park Service will host Park Day at Fort Moultrie, sponsored by the Civil War Preservation Trust (CWPT). Each year the CWPT sponsors a volunteer work day to help preserve America's Civil War sites across the nation.

Fort Moultrie, a unit of Fort Sumter National Monument, reflects 171 years of static American seacoast defense. First built of palmetto logs and sand in 1776, Fort Moultrie saw the defeat of a British fleet in the first victory of American forces over the British Navy during the Revolutionary War. The current Fort Moultrie, built in 1809, was used as an active coastal fortification until 1947. Today visitors can see how forts, artillery and coastal defense systems changed through the years.

Work Day activities will include:

- the repair and re-painting of artillery implements for park interpretive programs
- the painting of two cannon carriages
- the painting of an 8-inch Columbiad cannon
- other projects if time and weather permit

Volunteers will meet at noon at the Fort Moultrie Visitor Center, located at 1214 Middle Street, Sullivan's Island, SC. Work will be from noon until 4:00 pm. Food and soft drinks provided as well as CWPT t-shirts for all volunteers.

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To sign up or for more information call Chris Mekow at (843) 883-3123 extension 10 or email [chris\\_mekow@nps.gov](mailto:chris_mekow@nps.gov).

For information on other Park Day activities across the nation, visit the CWPT website:

<http://www.civilwar.org/parkday2005.htm>

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